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RESOLUTION NO. 94-07

BY: **SCOTT M. TUMA**

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING OHIO HOUSE
BILL 3 AND OHIO HOUSE BILL 4, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, House Bills 3 and 4 would repeal the State of Ohio's estate tax; and,

WHEREAS, the estate tax affects less than 2% of Ohioans and benefits received by these 2% are minimal; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio must maintain steady streams of revenue and repealing or eliminating taxes must be done in a responsible way ensuring maximum benefits to Ohioans and to compensate for the budget shortfalls predicted by the governor's office; and,

WHEREAS, there has been no discussion as to what revenue would replace the revenue lost to cities and the state if the estate tax is repealed; and

WHEREAS, there is little evidence to support the argument that Ohioans are leaving the state to avoid paying the estate tax; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence showing that repealing the estate tax would have any economic benefit to Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the legislation allows communities the option of repealing the state tax, thereby giving Ohio communities another way to compete against each other; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby opposes Ohio House Bill 3 and Ohio House Bill 4 which, if passed, would repeal the Estate Tax.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ted Strickland and all members of the Ohio General Assembly representing Cuyahoga County.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the nearness of the vote, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO